

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. An aquatic toy that is capable of maintaining a desired form and
2 position in water, comprising:
3 a fabric portion;
4 at least one hollow opening formed in the fabric portion;
5 a frame pocket formed substantially around a perimeter of the hollow
6 opening; and
7 a frame member, wherein the frame member is at least partially
8 contained within the frame pocket, and wherein the frame member provides at least
9 partial form to a perimeter of the hollow opening.
- 1 2. The aquatic toy of claim 1, wherein the aquatic toy is in the general
2 shape of an object, plant, animal, or other character.
- 1 3. The aquatic toy of claim 1, wherein the fabric portion comprises at
2 least one of a woven fabric, a sheet fabric, a film, nylon, spandex, vinyl, Polyvinyl
3 Chloride, neoprene, or an equivalent.
- 1 4. The aquatic toy of claim 1, wherein the fabric portion comprises
2 multiple materials.
- 1 5. The aquatic toy of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the fabric
2 portion has a relatively negative buoyancy, such that the fabric portion provides at
3 least some negative buoyancy to at least a portion of the aquatic toy.
- 1 6. The aquatic toy of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the fabric
2 portion has a relatively neutral buoyancy, such that the fabric portion does not
3 provide any substantial negative or positive buoyancy to at least a portion of the
4 aquatic toy.
- 1 7. The aquatic toy of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the fabric
2 portion has a relatively positive buoyancy, such that the fabric portion provides at
3 least some positive buoyancy to at least a portion of the aquatic toy.

- 1 8. The aquatic toy of claim 1, wherein the frame member is capable of
2 being removed from the aquatic toy.
- 1 9. The aquatic toy of claim 1, wherein the frame member comprises a
2 corrosion resistant material.
- 1 10. The aquatic toy of claim 1, wherein the frame member comprises
2 multiple frame member segments and the frame pocket comprises multiple frame
3 pockets and wherein each frame member segment corresponds to at least one frame
4 pocket.
- 1 11. The aquatic toy of claim 1, wherein the frame member comprises a
2 material that has been treated such that it is at least partially corrosion resistant.
- 1 12. The aquatic toy of claim 1, wherein the frame member comprises a
2 continuous loop or band of material.
- 1 13. The aquatic toy of claim 1, wherein the frame member comprises at
2 least one strip or segment of material connected, mechanically fastened, joined,
3 stitched, fused, glued, welded, attached, or adhered to form a continuous loop.
- 1 14. The aquatic toy of claim 1, wherein a general overall geometry of the
2 frame member is that of a square, rectangle, triangular, pentangular, circular, oval,
3 elliptical, star, or other shape.
- 1 15. The aquatic toy of claim 1, wherein the frame member is retained
2 within the frame pocket without being substantially connected thereto.
- 1 16. The aquatic toy of claim 1, wherein the frame member is
2 mechanically fastened, joined, stitched, fused, or glued within the frame pocket.
- 1 17. The aquatic toy of claim 1, wherein buoyancy and/or weight is
2 provided to the aquatic toy by the frame member.
- 1 18. The aquatic toy of claim 1, wherein the aquatic toy includes at least
2 one buoyancy element, wherein the at least one buoyancy element is placed such
3 that a particular region or portion of the aquatic toy has a determined relatively
4 buoyancy.

1 19. The aquatic toy of claim 18, wherein the at least one buoyancy
2 element comprises at least one of foam, Styrofoam® or any other multicellular
3 expanded synthetic resin, cork, an inflated or inflatable pocket or bladder, plastic,
4 rubber, wood, or an equivalent, or any other known or later developed material or
5 system capable of providing a determined level of relatively buoyancy to the aquatic
6 toy.

1 20. The aquatic toy of claim 1, wherein the aquatic toy includes at least
2 one weight element, wherein the at least one weight element is placed such that a
3 particular region or portion of the aquatic toy has a determined relatively weight.

1 21. The aquatic toy of claim 20, wherein the at least one weight element
2 comprises at least one of metal, a weighted or weightable pocket or bladder, plastic,
3 rubber, wood, or an equivalent, or any other known or later developed material or
4 system capable of providing a determined level of relatively weight to the aquatic
5 toy.

1 22. The aquatic toy of claim 1, wherein the aquatic toy includes at least
2 one buoyancy element and at least one weight element.

1 23. The aquatic toy of claim 1, wherein the aquatic toy further comprises
2 at least one additional fabric portion.

1 24. The aquatic toy of claim 23, wherein the additional fabric portion
2 extends substantially downward from an upper portion of the hollow opening.

1 25. The aquatic toy of claim 23, wherein the additional fabric portion
2 extends substantially upward from a lower portion of the hollow opening.

1 26. The aquatic toy of claim 23, wherein the additional fabric portion is
2 weighted and/or buoyed.

1 27. An aquatic toy that is capable of maintaining a desired form and
2 position in water, comprising:

3 a fabric portion, wherein at least a portion of the fabric portion is
4 formed of a naturally weighted material;

5 at least one hollow opening formed in the fabric portion;
6 a frame pocket formed substantially around a perimeter of the hollow
7 opening;
8 a frame member, wherein the frame member is at least partially
9 contained within the frame pocket, wherein the frame member provides at least
10 partial form to a perimeter of the hollow opening, and wherein the frame member is
11 capable of being removed from the frame pocket;
12 at least one optional buoyancy element, wherein the at least one
13 buoyancy element is placed such that a particular region or portion of the aquatic toy
14 has a determined relatively buoyancy; and
15 at least one optional weight element, wherein the at least one weight
16 element is placed such that a particular region or portion of the aquatic toy has a
17 determined relatively weight.

1 28. An aquatic toy that is capable of maintaining a desired form and
2 position in water, comprising:

3 a fabric portion, wherein at least a portion of the fabric portion is
4 formed of a naturally buoyant material;

5 at least one hollow opening formed in the fabric portion;

6 a frame pocket formed substantially around a perimeter of the hollow
7 opening;

8 a frame member, wherein the frame member is at least partially
9 contained within the frame pocket, and wherein the frame member provides at least
10 partial form a perimeter of the hollow opening, and wherein the frame member is
11 capable of being removed from the frame pocket;

12 at least one optional buoyancy element, wherein the at least one
13 buoyancy element is placed such that a particular region or portion of the aquatic toy
14 has a determined relatively buoyancy; and

15 at least one optional weight element, wherein the at least one weight
16 element is placed such that a particular region or portion of the aquatic toy has a
17 determined relatively weight.